



NEW LIFE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embrace God's Beauty; Extend God's Love

Welcome to New Life Presbyterian Church

Dear Visitor,

Welcome! It is a joy and privilege to gather this morning to worship God together. Here at New Life, we are a small part of the worldwide, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, multi-cultural body of Christ. Although we are Presbyterian and Reformed, our identity is found not in what makes us distinct, but in what makes us united: we belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is not only our Maker; He is our Savior. If you have put your hope and trust in Him, we welcome you as a brother or sister. It is in Him that we have New Life!

If you are here this morning and do not know what you think about Jesus, or about the claims of the Bible, we are delighted that you have chosen to join us for the morning. We hope and trust that you will experience a warm welcome, regardless of your religious convictions. We are a community of those who have experienced the embrace of God, through Jesus Christ. It is our goal to show that love to all who are around us. Please know that I personally would welcome your thoughts and perspectives on anything you observe this morning.

May the grace and peace of Christ be with you all!

Joyfully,

Pastor Erik Swanson

P.S. There is a staffed nursery, off the fellowship hall, for children ages 0-4.

Worshiping God

March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

Reflection – *Psalm 118:19-29*

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of
righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter
through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have
answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders
rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that
the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us
success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of
the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to
shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with
cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give
thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for
he is good;
for his steadfast love endures
forever!

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Erik Swanson

Processional – *King of Kings and Lord of Lords*

King of kings and Lord of lords
Glory hallelujah
King of kings and Lord of lords
Glory hallelujah

Jesus Prince of Peace
Glory hallelujah
Jesus Prince of Peace
Glory hallelujah

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Prelude – *Lo, He Comes!*

NLPC Children’s Choir

Lo, He comes! Sing we “Hosanna!”
Lo, He comes, let us sing to the Lord!
Lo, He comes! Sing we “Hosanna!”
Lo, He comes, let us sing to the Lord!

Enter His gates with shouts of
thanksgiving,
Into his courts with songs of praise.
Come, let us march in glad procession.
Loud hosannas now we raise.

Lo, He comes! Sing we “Hosanna!”
Lo, He comes, let us sing to the Lord!

Lo, He comes! Sing we “Hosanna!”
Lo, He comes, let us sing to the Lord!

Open your heart and welcome the Savior.
Join with the song that has no end.
This is the day for which we have waited;
The coming of the Lord is surely at hand.

Lo, He comes! Sing we “Hosanna!”
Lo, He comes, let us sing to the Lord!
Lo, he comes, let us sing to the—
Sing to the Lord!

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Call to Worship – *from Psalm 24*

Minister: Lift up your heads, O you gates;
People: Be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Minister: Who is this King of glory?
People: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
Minister: Lift up your heads, O you gates;
People: Lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
Minister: Who is he, this King of glory?
People: The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.

Prayer of Praise

All Glory, Laud and Honor

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King.
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. A fermata is placed over the first measure of the treble staff, and a measure rest of 7 measures is indicated at the end of the system.

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, maintaining the same musical structure and time signature.

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment, with the same musical notation and time signature.

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise,
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

The fourth system concludes the piece with the same musical notation and time signature, ending with a fermata and a measure rest of 7 measures.

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Verse 1

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Pre-Chorus

'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)

Chorus

Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Verse 2

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

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Affirmation of Faith – *Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men* and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* that is, humans

* “Catholic” means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples

Scripture Reading – *Psalms 118*

Bontivea Myles

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Prayer of Confession

Our Father, You tell us repeatedly in your word that the battle belongs to you. Our salvation was accomplished by your Son. Our hope for daily strength comes from your Spirit. You are our hope, our righteousness, our refuge, and our rock. We praise you and thank you. We confess, Father, that our hearts are prone to wander. We often turn away from a posture of trusting you. We look at the challenges we face, and we feel overwhelmed. At times, we fail to rely on your promises and your grace. Sometimes that failure to trust leads to actions that dishonor you and wound ourselves and others. Forgive us, we ask, for our hope is in Christ alone. Help us, this week, to trustingly obey you in all things. We ask this in Jesus’ name, amen!

Assurance of Forgiveness – *Isaiah 53:4-5*

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
2. Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place:

The first system of music features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff, and the bass line is on a separate staff below. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

the shad - ow of a might - y Rock with - in a wea - ry land;
the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me:
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face:

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess,
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;

The third system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

Prayers of the People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Missions Moment

Micah Swanson

Special Music – Sing Hosanna!

NLPC Children’s Choir

Lift your voice and sing a hosanna.
Sing hosanna to the Lord.
Lift your hands and wave the palm
branches.
Sing hosanna to the Lord.

Great is the King who comes in the name
of the Lord!
Glory to God in the highest!
Great is the King who comes in the name
of the Lord!
Glory to God in the highest!

Lift your heads for Jesus is coming.
Sing hosanna to the Lord.
See, He rides on a humble donkey.
Sing hosanna to the Lord.

Lift your voice and sing a hosanna.
Sing hosanna to the Lord.
Lift your hands and wave the palm
branches.
Sing hosanna to the Lord.

Children, sing! Your King is coming.
Let the earth cry out.
For your God has come to save.
Sing hosanna with a shout.

Children, sing! Your King is coming.
Let the earth cry out.
For your God has come to save.
Sing hosanna with a shout.

Sing hosanna with a shout!

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Offering

The offering allows friends and members of our church to express their faith in God’s Word, and to support the extension of that Word in our community and in the world.

Doxology:

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here, below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Scripture – *Matthew 21:23-27; 22:41-46; 23:37-24:2; 26:1-5*

21:²³ And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things....

22:⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ “The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions....

23:³⁷ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁸ See, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

24:¹ Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² But he answered them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ...

26:¹ When Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said to his disciples, ² “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.” ³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, ⁴ and plotted together in order to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵ But they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.”

Sermon Notes

Celebration of the LORD's Supper

New Life Church invites all baptized Christians who are members of Christ's church to join us in this feast of bread and wine. The inner circle of cups contains red wine and the outer circle of cups contains white grape juice. If you are unable to consume wheat, gluten-free crackers are available.

Prayer

Words of Institution – *from 1 Corinthians 11*

Minister: *Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.*

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ has risen.
 Christ will come again.

Communing Together

The elders and deacons will serve you in your seats. Please hold the elements so that we can partake together after all have been served. Use the extra time during communion for prayer and reflection.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

1. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed
 4. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
 5. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die: O Christ, your tri - umphs
 • squad - rons of the sky look down with sad and
 fierc - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his
 pomp ride on to die; bow your meek head to

sue your road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 • won - d'ring eyes to see th'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, then take, O God, your pow'r and reign.

Benediction – Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The Sending

Minister: Go in peace, to love and serve the LORD.

All: Thanks be to God!

This Week at New Life

| Date | Time | Event | Location |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sun. 3/24 | 9:00 am | Sunday School for All Ages | Classrooms |
| Sun. 3/24 | 9:55 am | Palm Sunday Processional | Sanctuary |
| Sun. 3/24 | 10:00 am | Corporate Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| Sun. 3/24 | 6:00 pm | Young Adult Gathering | Swanson Home |
| Tu. 3/26 | 7:00 pm | Music Team Rehearsal – Easter | Sanctuary |
| W. 3/27 | 7:00 am | Men’s Breakfast | Fellowship Hall |
| W. 3/27 | 9:00 am | Mom’s + | Classroom 2 |
| W. 3/27 | 9:00 am | Wednesday Morning Bible Study | Classroom 1 |
| W. 3/27 | 7:00 pm | Music Team Rehearsal – Good Friday | Sanctuary |
| Th. 3/28 | 9:30 am | Women’s In-Person Bible Study | Aquarium |
| Th. 3/28 | 11:15 am | Prayer Meeting | Resource Room |
| Th. 3/28 | 7:00 pm | Women’s Zoom Bible Study | Zoom |
| F. 3/29 | 6:30 pm | Good Friday Service | Sanctuary |
| Sat. 3/30 | 10:00 am | Easter Egg Hunt – Rain Date | New Life Lawn |
| Sun. 3/31 | 6:30 am | Sunrise Service | Henry Home |
| Sun. 3/31 | 10:00 am | Corporate Easter Worship Service | Sanctuary |

Church Financial Summary

| Category | Budget | Actual |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Year to Date 2024 | \$73,742.24 | \$79,853.61 |
| Week of 3/17/24 | \$6,703.84 | \$6,610.00 |

Announcements

- **Easter at New Life:**
 - **Sun. March 24 @ 9:55am:** Palm Sunday Processional. Please begin the line at the Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary door and continue down the back hallway.
 - **Fri. March 29 @ 6:30pm:** Good Friday Service
 - **Sat. March 30 @ 10:30am:** RAIN DATE, if needed - Community Egg Hunt
 - **Sun. March 31 @ 6:30am:** Sunrise Service, followed by potluck breakfast. Meet at the Henry's home.
 - **Sun. March 31:** No Sunday School, with our regular worship service @ 10am.
- **Inquirer's Class:** For those interested in more information regarding New Life's beliefs, theology, history, culture, and membership, please join the "Inquirer's Class." Starting on **April 7**, the class will meet for 5 weeks during Sunday School in Classroom 2.
- **Engaging Disability Open House:** Engaging Disability with The Gospel is the denominational disability ministry of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). If you want to find ways to enfold individuals with disabilities into the life of the church, come to this free open house on **Sat. Apr. 20** from 9:30-11am at Hope Church in Shippensburg. Find out more at <https://engagingdisability.org/>
- **Baby Shower:** Ladies are invited to attend a baby shower for Marie Salim on **Sat. Apr. 27** at 10am at the church. An evite has been sent out with registry information. Please contact Christy Borch if you didn't receive one.
- **LEAP Fundraiser Dinner:** On **Sat. May 4** at 5:30pm, you are invited to a fundraiser dinner for the mission trip to London, LEAP (London Evangelism and Prayer). A very brief program, sharing the details of the trip and closing in prayer, will conclude the dinner.
- **Save the Dates!** Please save the dates for these future events:
 - Servants Work Week, **June 3-7**
 - NLPC Vacation Bible School, **July 22-26**
 - 5th Annual Church-Wide Camping Trip, **Sept. 6-8:** There will be a Saturday dinner for the whole church, not just for those camping. Make an online camping reservation ASAP here: <https://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/codorus-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=PA&parkId=880316>

Groups for Fellowship and Growth

Christian Education: Sunday School for all ages is offered during the 9:00 hour.

Women's Bible Study: This spring we are studying the gospel of Luke using the guide *Luke: Knowing For Sure, Volume 2 (Chapters 11-24), A 13-Lesson Study*. Dates and Times: Thursdays 9:30-11am at church, or 7-8:30pm on Zoom. Please contact Marlene Spark for details.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Interested in discussing the upcoming sermon text? Join us at New Life in the TV Room at 9:00 am.

Moms+: This is a group of women dedicated to living life together. Children are welcome to attend concurrent classes. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Joy Swanson.

Men's Group: Meets at New Life every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:00 am. **For planning purposes, please call ahead to Rob Rothermel each week that you plan to attend.**

Youth Group: Please contact the church office for information.

Prayer Small Group: We have two opportunities: The evening group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Contact Sherry Rishel. The daytime group meets every Thursday (except the Thursday that follows the Wednesday evening prayer group) at 11:15am. Contact Sue Rothermel.

Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): Contact Joe Heidler with questions.

Discipleship Groups: Same-gender groups meet to encourage each other to follow Jesus as we walk with each other. Please contact Pastor Erik to join a group.

Community Groups: Designed to be a microcosm of the church, this is an intergenerational home-gathering for fellowship, food, bible study, (singing), and prayer. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 6-7:30pm. See Pastor Erik if you would like to join a group.